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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **Requirement for Information**

1. Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.

2. In response to this requirement, please agree or disagree to the stipulation of each of the following assertions of facts:

In applicant's arguments with respect to independent claims 66, 90, 91 and 101, the applicant appears to argue that the only difference between the cited prior art and applicant's claims is that the claimed inventions use digital signals whereas the prior art does not. Is this applicant's position? A simple "yes" or "no" is sufficient.

3. In response to this requirement, please provide answers to each of the following interrogatories eliciting factual information:

- In the interview held 10/03/2006, the Examiner noted that the applicant admitted Boucher altered an analog condition of the bus. In fact, applicant stated that even the lighting system in one's house performs this function. Why then does the applicant expressly state in the response filed 10/30/2006, "In fact, Boucher does not disclose altering an analog condition of the network at all (pg. 20, lines 6 and 7)? Does not Fig. 3 show an altering of an analog condition?"
- If all or part of applicant's position is that Boucher does not send or receive digital signals then applicant is referred to Boucher (US 6584907)

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col. 9, line 36 to col. 10, line 17. In this section, Boucher seems to suggest the use of signals with "address portions" that are recognized by the initiators. Are these signal (arming, firing, etc) not "digital signals"?

- For each new claim, applicant is to provide support for limitations in each of said claims. This support should include a reference to the specification and drawings.
  - For each independent claim, applicant is to disclose whether the limitations therein are known in the prior art. Such prior art can be that submitted with any IDS statement or applicant's knowledge of the art.
4. Applicant sent an IDS statement on 10/17/2006 including prior art reference US 3672303 issued to Brawn. The Examiner requests the significance of said reference and what claims, if any, the applicant believes said reference is applicable to.
5. The applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. Where the applicant does not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained may be accepted as a complete reply to the requirement for that item.
6. This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of 2 months. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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**Conclusion**

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Troy Chambers whose telephone number is (571) 272-6874 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., M-F. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael J. Carone, can be reached at (571) 272-6873.

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